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SUBJECT: GIZENGA'S (ALLEGED) VISIT TO PRAGUE

REF: KINSHASA 1251 (NOTAL)

1. WE WERE INTRIGUED BY ACCOUNT OF GOC'S RECEPTION OF GIZENGA

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(REFTEL) DURING ALLEGED FEBRUARY 8 VISIT TO PRAGUE, THE MORE
SO IN VIEW OF COMPLETE SILENCE OF LOCAL PRESS WHICH NORMALLY

GIVES FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT TO ALMOST ANY FOREIGN VISITOR.
WE QUERIED LOCAL AP REPRESENTATIVE, GHANIAN AMBASSADOR
(ONLY RESIDENT SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN AMBASSADOR IN PRAGUE)
AND BELGIAN EMBOFF ABOUT VISIT; NONE HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF IT.

2. AP REP HAS SINCE TOLD US THAT WHEN SHE RAISED MATTER
WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE, LATTER BECAME SOMEWHAT
EXERCISED, HAD IMMIGRATION RECORDS FOR PERIOD CHECKED,
AND GUARANTEED HER THAT GIZENGA HAD NOT BEEN IN CZECHO-
SLOVAKIA. GHANIAN AMBASSADOR ALSO ASKED FOREIGN MINISTRY
SOURCE; HE WAS TOLD NO SUCH VISIT HAD TAKEN PLACE, BUT THAT
GINZENG "MIGHT HAVE GONE TO WARSAW".

3. COMMENT: WHILE NEITHER LACK OF PUBLICITY NOR FOREIGN
MINISTRY DENIALS PRECLUDE VISIT'S HAVING TAKEN PLACE (IF
FOR WHATEVER REASON THERE WAS DESIRE TO KEEP IT SECRET),
"POMP AND HONORS" WERE CERTAINLY NOT ACCORDED IN PUBLIC.
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